

**Forest Land-Gadchiroli**

**Re-Diversion of 1.7670 ha. forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtal Limited, Pune for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable within Right of Way of the existing road of Wadsa- Purada- Malewada route in Wadsa and Kurkheda Forest Division, District - Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD- 36A24/CR.177/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032  
Date: 12.08.2024**

**Reference:**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur  
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/PID-486046/867 Nagpur, Dt.09.07.2024.

**Preamble:-**

M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.7670 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtal Limited, Pune for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable within Right of Way of the existing road of Wadsa-Purada-Malewada route in Wadsa and Kurkheda Forest Division, District - Gadchiroli to the State Forest Department. APCCF & Nodal Officer has submitted this proposal to Government of Maharashtra vide letter under referred above.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2023, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.7670 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtal Limited, Pune for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable within Right of Way of the existing road of Wadsa-Purada-Malewada route in Wadsa and Kurkheda Forest Division, District - Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**2.** The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Forest land required						Legal Status of land
		Sur/ Gut No.	Forest Compt. No.	Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr.	Area		
						Area in Sq. m.	Area in Ha.	
1	Block Forest	-	97	880	0.5	440.00	0.0440	RF
2	Visora	-	873	2332	0.5	1166.00	0.1166	PF
3	Shankarpur	184	-	56	0.5	28.00	0.0028	PF
		-	905	234	0.5	117.00	0.0117	PF
4	Kalamgaon	70/5, 39	904	1270	0.5	635.00	0.0635	PF
5	Dongar Mendha	35	902	1128	0.5	564.00	0.0564	PF
6	Block Forest	-	107	2546	0.5	1273.00	0.1273	RF

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7	Block Forest	-	109	822	0.5	411.00	0.0411	RF
8	Block Forest	-	108	500	0.5	250.00	0.0250	RF
9	Umarzari	-	130	624	0.5	312.00	0.0312	RF
		38	131	722	0.5	361.00	0.0361	RF
10	Gewardha	300	134	1442	0.5	721.00	0.0721	RF
		655	135	668	0.5	334.00	0.0334	RF
		312, 313	935	984	0.5	492.00	0.0492	PF
11	Chikhali	90/1	-	46	0.5	23.00	0.0023	Zudpi Jungle
12	Nanhi	164	-	30	0.5	15.00	0.0015	Zudpi Jungle
		361	-	24	0.5	12.00	0.0012	Zudpi Jungle
13	Dhamanitola	-	956	324	0.5	162.00	0.0162	PF
14	Kurkheda	116/1	-	58	0.5	29.00	0.0029	Zudpi Jungle
		118	-	78	0.5	39.00	0.0039	Zudpi Jungle
		-	986	60	0.5	30.00	0.0030	PF
		-	985	68	0.5	34.00	0.0034	PF
		171/1, 165	984	688	0.5	344.00	0.0344	PF
15	Gothangaon	192/1	976 P	374	0.5	187.00	0.0187	PF
		-	976 P	68	0.5	34.00	0.0034	PF
		198/1	976 P	82	0.5	41.00	0.0041	PF
		193/1	-	260	0.5	130.00	0.0130	PF
16	Jambhulkheda	8	982	652	0.5	326.00	0.0326	PF
		1	-	170	0.5	85.00	0.0085	Zudpi Jungle
		138	-	54	0.5	27.00	0.0027	Zudpi Jungle
		86	980	1736	0.5	868.00	0.0868	PF
17	Bhimanpayli	1	199	122	0.5	61.00	0.0061	RF
			197	1566	0.5	783.00	0.0783	RF
			198	238	0.5	119.00	0.0119	RF
18	Lendhari	50, 60, 61, 72, 74	194	1914	0.5	957.00	0.0957	RF
		79	-	126	0.5	63.00	0.0063	PF
		106/1	-	232	0.5	116.00	0.0116	Zudpi Jungle
		171/1	1015	710	0.5	355.00	0.0355	PF
19	Hetinagar	134	-	146	0.5	73.00	0.0073	Zudpi Jungle
		138	-	84	0.5	42.00	0.0042	PF
		-	1039	72	0.5	36.00	0.0036	PF
		3	-	60	0.5	30.00	0.0030	Zudpi Jungle
		4	-	58	0.5	29.00	0.0029	Zudpi Jungle
20	Purada	119	-	54	0.5	27.00	0.0027	Zudpi Jungle
		152, 151, 156, 159, 224, 225	1040	1378	0.5	689.00	0.0689	PF
		-	1037	28	0.5	14.00	0.0014	PF

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21	Ramgad	59	1062	314	0.5	157.00	0.0157	PF
		72	-	94	0.5	47.00	0.0047	Zudpi Jungle
22	Dadapur	95	-	44	0.5	22.00	0.0022	PF
		96	-	38	0.5	19.00	0.0019	PF
		89	-	56	0.5	28.00	0.0028	PF
		85	-	16	0.5	8.00	0.0008	Zudpi Jungle
		79	1035	140	0.5	70.00	0.0070	PF
		71	-	40	0.5	20.00	0.0020	PF
		72	-	182	0.5	91.00	0.0091	PF
		74	-	104	0.5	52.00	0.0052	PF
		161	-	78	0.5	39.00	0.0039	PF
		-	1032	114	0.5	57.00	0.0057	PF
23	Warvi	185	-	264	0.5	132.00	0.0132	Zudpi Jungle
		205	1077	144	0.5	72.00	0.0072	PF
24	Chipari	-	1068	614	0.5	307.00	0.0307	PF
		-	250	46	0.5	23.00	0.0023	RF
		-	1072	572	0.5	286.00	0.0286	PF
		206	252	1554	0.5	777.00	0.0777	RF
25	Dalli	55	253	194	0.5	97.00	0.0097	RF
26	Ranwahi	79	337	1486	0.5	743.00	0.0743	RF
		81	338	690	0.5	345.00	0.0345	RF
		82/1	339	1410	0.5	705.00	0.0705	RF
		104	1216	370	0.5	185.00	0.0185	PF
		-	1215	340	0.5	170.00	0.0170	PF
27	Kasari	53	1227	90	0.5	45.00	0.0045	PF
		79, 106	348	578	0.5	289.00	0.0289	RF
Total							1.7670	

**3. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-**

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall obtain wildlife clearance, prior to commencement of work.
- 3) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 4) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2 meter depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 5) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the

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satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

- 6) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 7) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 8) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 9) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 10) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 11) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 12) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 13) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 14) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 15) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned road authorities for the project.
- 16) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 17) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 18) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 19) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 20) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 21) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden should be obtained as per relevant guidelines in this regard.

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22) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by the User Agency.

23) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) with reference No 202408121622342319. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**( Ganesh Jadhao )**

**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:-**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests Wadsa.
11. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune.
12. Select File-F-10.